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Utah Coal Program
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Re: Division Order DO00A-4, WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine,
 ACT/007/041.

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Incoming
Extension
Letter

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc. is in the process of preparing its response to the Division's October 22, 2001 Technical Review regarding the above referenced Division Order. As the Division is aware, WEST RIDGE has conducted meetings both with your staff and with our consultants in order to finalize the approach to the reclamation of the portal area at the West Ridge Minesite. Part of the technical work required to adequately respond to the Division Order is to conduct specific laboratory tests on the material which WEST RIDGE proposes to use for backfilling during reclamation. These tests include sizing distribution, compaction analysis and etc. Although samples have been taken and sent to labs, the results of these tests will not be available in time for the stability study to be completed and for WEST RIDGE to respond timely to its December 26 deadline. We are therefore respectfully requesting an extension of time until January 15, 2002 to submit our response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Glasson
 Environmental Coordinator

cc: Gary Gray
 Jim Cremeens, Agapito Associates
 Patrick Collins, Mt. Nebo Scientific